

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2001
EOB LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Ron Ogens, Chair
Assistant Chief Phil Guercio, DFRS
District Chief John Gallo (Alternate)
Chief Dennis Urban, Bethesda FD

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Chief Roger Strock, DFRS
Chief David Dwyer, DVFRS
Chief James Seavey, Cabin John Park VFD
Chief Alan Hinde, Rockville VFD
Deputy Chief Paul Quigley, Rockville VFD
John Horvat, Wheaton VRS
Deputy Chief Lawrence Gaddis, Bethesda FD
Chief Murphy Richards, Laytonsville VFD
Deputy Chief William J. Luper, GWGVFD
Deputy Chief James Master, BCCRS
Captain Eric Jacobs, DFRS
District Chief Leonard Chornock, Rockville VFD
Assistant Chief Roger McGary, DFRS
Neil A. Shorb, MCFRS
Beth Feldman, MCFRS
Annette Cheng, MCFRS

1. Call to Order – Chair Ogens

The Operations Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ogens at 6:10 p.m. in the EOB lobby auditorium.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2001 Meeting

A MOTION was made by Assistant Chief Guercio to approve the Operations Committee minutes of the July 25, 2001 meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Chief Urban and PASSED unanimously.

3- Aerial Ladder Truck Report

A copy of the Aerial Ladder Truck draft report was distributed to the Operations Committee members at tonight's meeting. The Operations Committee will discuss this item at its September monthly meeting. After revision of the report by the Committee, staff will send it out for field comments.

4. Authority of ECC

In his memorandum to the Fire Administrator dated January 8, 2001, Chief Baker of the Burtonsville VFD requested a substantive change in the operating relationship between ECC and field commanders. Chief Baker will be at the September Operations Committee meeting to discuss the issue.

5. **METRO Subcommittee Report**

Deputy Chief Master briefed the Committee on the METRO Subcommittee report. A copy of the report is included in tonight's agenda.

The METRO Subcommittee recommended that:

- a. the use of WASADs be added to the Truck Company Operations course at the PSTA
- b. the METRO SOP be revised again to add Yard Incidents to the policy
- c. the response of METRO Subcommittee members on METRO incidents was referred to Chief Strock and Chief Dwyer to develop a recommendation
- d. requests for funding of various METRO initiatives will be explored with the MCFRS budget office

Committee Chair Ogens recommended that Chiefs Strock and Dwyer meet with representatives of the METRO Subcommittee to develop a recommendation and report back to the Operations Committee at its next meeting.

6. **Other Business**

Committee Chair Ogens appointed four representatives of the Operations Committee to attend the MCFRS Goal Setting Conference scheduled for September 15, 2001: Assistant Chief Guercio, District Chief Gallo, Chief Urban, and Deputy Chief Kelley.

A MOTION was made by Chief Urban to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Assistant Chief Guercio and PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.